



Dear parents/carers of Irons Class

I hope you all had a lovely summer break and had an amazing time with your children. This letter is just explaining the expectations of the pupils in Irons class this year as some bits are slightly different from the previous year, and also to help the new pupils and parents as well.

Firstly, I want to extend a warm welcome to the new members of our class and their parents/carers. Myself and the rest of the children really like getting to know new people and I know they will fit in quickly.

Secondly, our PE sessions will be on Thursday afternoons. Your child is allowed to leave their PE kit in school.

With regards to expectations they are as follows.

1. **Uniform**- children are to wear the uniform stated in our school's policy and we advise you to put your child's name in all items.

2. **PE Kit**- Children are expected to have a white t-shirt (no big logos or prints on them), black shorts/jogging/tracksuit bottoms and a pair of trainers or plimsols. They may also require a long-sleeved jumper as we head towards winter. We advise you to put your child's name in all items. They will not be able to take part if they are wearing earrings so please make sure they are not in on PE days or that your child can comfortably remove them themselves.

**In year 4, if a child does not bring in the correct PE kit on two occasions they will no longer be eligible to gain their evergreen award and prize at the end of the term.**

3. **Reading**- Children are required to read 5 times a week (a week is Monday to Monday). The 5 reads do not just have to be on weekdays this year. For every read the children gain a dojo point and a move on our reading track (where they can earn prizes). If they read 5 times they gain an extra 5 dojos too for the week. Reading does not need to be overly extensive (10 minutes a day) but if you can have a discussion about what has been read that will help improve the children's comprehension ability. (We require an adult's signature/initial in the children's reading diary to show they have read)

4. **Homework** - Children will need to complete 2 pieces of homework each week. They will receive a piece of spelling homework (a word list and a very short task) and some maths work based on Timestables Rockstars. This will be set digitally so the children can access it on an electronic device using the TTRockstars login, which uses less paper. Homework is given out on Friday and needs to be completed and handed in a week later (Friday to Friday)

**In year 4, if a child does not hand in their completed homework on two consecutive occasions, they will no longer be eligible to gain their evergreen award and prize at the end of the term.**

Sorry for such a long letter but I wanted everyone to be aware of the slight changes. Any questions, let me know.

I look forward to a great year and thank you in advance for your help, time and support of your children.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Britton

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